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Serial No. 09/997,492Remarks

After an Amendment that was submitted to the Patent Office on May 6, 2005 and subsequent Request for Continued Examination Transmittal submitted on June 6, 2005, claims 45-50 are currently pending in the subject application. By this Supplemental Amendment, the applicant has further amended claim 45, canceled claims 47, 49 and 50, and added new claims 51-53. Support for claims 51-53 can be found throughout the specification including, for example, on page 5, lines 4-18. Accordingly, claims 45, 46, 48, and 51-53 are now before the Examiner for her consideration.

The applicant wishes to thank Examiner Silbermann for the courtesy extended to the undersigned, and Mr. Saliwanchik, during the personal Examiner Interview conducted on August 22, 2005. This supplemental response and the amendments set forth herein are submitted in accordance with the substance of that interview and constitute of summary thereof.

In accordance with the discussion during the Examiner interview, the claims have been amended herein to focus on the applicant's unique method for facilitating communication between a hotel guest and the hotel staff. Claim 45 is now specifically drawn to this method wherein the communication device is provided in a hotel guest room and instructions are provided to change towels. New claims 51-53, which are nearly identical to claims 45, 46, and 48, differ only in the instructions to change sheets.

The applicant respectfully submits that the method, as currently claimed, is not taught or suggested by the Merrifield (U.S. Patent No. 316,288) or the Bianco *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,948,498) references, either alone or in combination.

In view of the foregoing remarks and the amendments set forth above, the applicant believes that the currently pending claims are in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R §§1.16 or 1.17 as required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 19-0065.

The applicant invites the Examiner to call the undersigned if clarification is needed on any of this response, or if the Examiner believes a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of the subject application to completion.

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